

E25. Ascension Day

Luke 24:44-53; Mark 16:15-20; Acts 1:9-11

Memory Verse

***“When the Lord Jesus finished speaking to them, He was taken up into heaven.
He sat down at the right hand of God. --Mark 16:19 (NIRV)***

Bible Lesson

Message:

Share the good news!

Luke:

Jesus said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you. Everything written about me must happen. Everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms must come true."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written. The Christ will suffer. He will rise from the dead on the third day. His followers will preach in his name. They will tell others to turn away from their sins and be forgiven. People from every nation will hear it, beginning at Jerusalem. You have seen these things with your own eyes.

"I am going to send you what my Father has promised. But for now, stay in the city. Stay there until you have received power from heaven."

(Jesus Is Taken Up into Heaven)

Jesus led his disciples out to the area near Bethany. Then he lifted his hands up and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them. He was taken up into heaven.

Then they worshiped him. With great joy, they returned to Jerusalem. Every day they went to the temple, praising God.

Mark:

In today's story, Jesus is speaking to His disciples:

He said to them, "Go everywhere in the world. Tell the good news to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who does not believe will be judged guilty."

Jesus went on to say that those who believe will be able to do miraculous things, including: Being able to drive out spirits that are not Godly, they will be able to speak many languages that they had not known before and they will be able to heal those who are sick that they will get well.

When the Lord Jesus finished speaking to them, he was taken up into heaven. He sat down at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere. The Lord worked with them. And he backed up his word by the signs that went with it.

Acts:

After Jesus said this, he was taken up to heaven. They watched until a cloud hid him from their sight.

While he was going up, they kept on looking at the sky. Suddenly two men dressed in white clothing stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking at the sky? Jesus has been taken away from you into heaven. But he will come back in the same way you saw him go."

Talk About It

Talk with your child about how there are many times in our lives when we are asked to follow someone or something. We may need to follow what others are doing, follow a set of instructions that are given, and we are also expected to follow Jesus. Are you willing to give up everything and follow Jesus, just like His disciples did? God is not asking us to leave our families or give back all our toys, but we can still follow Jesus with all our hearts. We need to fill our heart with good things, like love and joy and peace (refer to the fruit of the spirit) and try to get rid of the things that are not so good in our hearts. This is how we follow Jesus with our whole hearts. By following Jesus in this way, we are sharing the “good news” with others, without saying a word. We are showing others through our example. Talk about it.

